

The Board of Commissioners of the Bossier Levee District met in regular session on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the Levee Board Office, 3404 Industrial Drive, Bossier City, Louisiana.

The President, Kenneth Loftin, called the meeting to order,

PRESENT: LOFTIN, SINCLAIR, ALLEY, LASSEIGNE, WEBB, RABB,  
BRANTON and HARVEY CHRISTIAN, ENGINEERS-DOTD.

ABSENT: BANTLE AND LARKIN

The first order of business was opening prayer and pledge of allegiance by Commissioner Webb.

On motion by Sinclair, seconded by Rabb, unanimously passed, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes and approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 8, 2014.

**AMENDMENT OF AGENDA:**

On suggestion of the Chair to add an item to the agenda, Lasseigne moved and Alley seconded a motion to add to the agenda discussion of a recent request by Stephens, Inc., to move part of the District's investment portfolio from Morgan Stanley to Stephens, Inc. Following a request for public comment on the addition, and there being none, the Board unanimously approved the motion adding the item to the agenda.

**REQUESTS BY VISITORS:**

Mr. Long described the request by Charlie Davis for a permit to remove a debris pile on his property within the District's control area (easement). Mr. Long indicated that no problems were presented by the request. On motion by Lasseigne, with second by Branton, the Board unanimously approved the request for such permit. No comments from the public.

Mr. Mark Hudson, City Engineer for the City of Bossier City, appeared to request that Bossier City, at its expense, be permitted to relocate approximately 300 feet of Macks Bayou (Lateral B-4) running along the west side of Industrial Drive north of I-20 to accommodate the addition of a right turn lane on Industrial Drive at I-20 to permit a better flow of traffic entering I-20 westbound. Upon Mr. Hudson committing to provide

stamped and signed plans for the relocation, on motion by Webb, seconded by Alley, the Board unanimously approved the request, with such relocation to be conducted in accordance with the plans to be submitted. No comments from the public.

Mr. Mark Snow, appearing for the Bossier Parish School Board, appeared to request a permit for the Bossier Parish School Board to take certain action in connection with a new elementary school in north Bossier Parish with impact relating to Willow Chute Bayou. The Board discussed the advisability of the request, and, on motion by Lasseigne, seconded by Rabb, the Board approved the following action:

- a. Authorizing the School Board to discharge roadway drainage piping outfall from a public road, Fairburn Avenue, to be constructed by the School Board, as shown by plans ("Plans") submitted to the Board and dated January 23, 2014, such piping to be constructed substantially in accordance with the Plans.
- b. Allowing for construction of Fairburn Avenue within the District's area of control (easement), to be located and constructed substantially in accordance with the Plans.
- c. Permitting the encroachment of Fairburn Avenue within the District's area of control (easement) as shown by the Plans.
- d. Permitting the Bossier Parish School Board's contractor to perform the construction activities relating to the prior described action and construction for construction substantially in accordance with the Plans.

There were no comments from the public.

**OLD BUSINESS: -**

The Board discussed the circumstances of the houses purchased and renovated by the District. On the recommendation of the Operations Coordinator, due to some possible embankment settlement concerns, the District determined to take no further action on any change from the prior motion to take steps to rent the houses until further report from the Operations Coordinator. No comments from the public.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board considered authorizing the Secretary and Operations Coordinator to dispose of equipment that is outdated or no longer of use to the district. On motion of Sinclair, seconded by Rabb, and unanimously passed, the Board:

RESOLVED, that the Secretary and Operations Coordinator of the District be and they and each of them are hereby authorized to dispose of the following equipment that is outdated or no longer of use to the district:

2005 DVR Recorder

2005 Dell Laptop Computer

2005 Dell Projector

2003 Dell Computer Tower

1996 Sony Camcorder

2003 Pull Down Projector Screen

2009 Electric Projector Screen.

The Chairman reminded the Operations Coordinator to destroy the hard drives on the computer prior to disposition. No public comment.

On motion by Rabb, seconded by Lasseigne, and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners

RESOLVED, that employees and commissioners of the District, including the District's attorney, be and they hereby are authorized to attend the Association of Levee Board workshop in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on May 1-2, 2014, and that those attending be reimbursed for registration and travel expenses in accordance with Louisiana State travel regulations.

There was no public comment.

The Board next discussed the proposed 2014-2015 budget for the District. The Chairman referred the budget to the Finance Committee for work and recommendations prior to the March 12 meeting of the Board. There was no public comment.

The Board then discussed communication received from Sam Lees and Jeff Monsour, who have joined Stephens, Inc., leaving Morgan Stanley, to move the District's investments held by Morgan Stanley to Stephens, Inc. The Board has not

heard from any representative of Morgan Stanley. On motion of Sinclair, seconded by Lasseigne, the Board requested that the Secretary seek a proposal from Huddleston Smith Wealth Management, which holds the other investments of the District, regarding moving all of the District's investments to be held by Huddleston Smith. No public comment.

### **LEVEE AND DRAINAGE:**

The Operations Coordinator presented the following report:

#### **Red Chute Levee Improvement Project**

- September 25, 2013 received draft report from Dewberry Consultants on Red Chute Levee analysis.
- October 1, 2013 Denmon Engineering submitted the application for funding to the Statewide Flood Control Program.
- February 3, 2014, letter from DOTD advising of public hearing on Statewide Flood Control Program; letter stated that the Red Chute Levee Project will be recommended for the 2014/2015 construction program
- The Operations Coordinator reported that funding for the project, at approximately 90% of \$5,000,000 in construction cost, had been reported favorably out of committee, and that he was hopeful that it would be included, with construction possible in 2015.

#### **Bossier Drainage Maintenance Initiative**

- BLD Crew removing trees from Benoit Bayou south of I-220.

#### **Herndon Ditch Timber Bridge Replacement\***

- Request made to DOTD for drainage analysis to determine opening requirements.

#### **Red Chute Bayou Levee Outfall Pipe Repairs**

- HDPE Pipe Liners on yard; installation will begin when weather and water elevations permit.

#### **Levee and Drainage Crews**

- Placed concrete riprap on erosion area on Flat River south of Hwy 80.
- Cleaning drifts from bridges on Red Chute Bayou and Flat River.
- Clearing trees from Benoit Bayou south of I-220.
- Inspecting levees, channels, and drainage structures; cleaning outfall pipes and flap gates.
- Servicing and repairing equipment.

### **APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:**

On motion by Sinclair, seconded by Webb, and unanimously passed, the Board approved expenditures of the Bossier Levee District in the aggregate amount of \$80,473.66, as shown on the list attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Secretary for the district be and she is hereby authorized to make the payments set forth above.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

On motion by Lasseigne, seconded by Rabb, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Mary Jane Easterly, Secretary

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Kenneth Loftin, President